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FOR HONORABLE FREDERICK B. DENT, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

SUPPLEMENTING HUFFCUT PHONE CONVERSATION THIS EVENING:

ITEM 1.

STEEL INDUSTRY PRESSING HARD FOR FURTHER EXPORT CONTROLS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN FORCE OCT. 1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING WHETHER NEW SCRAP MANUFACTURE SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO PRICE CONTROLS AND RECOMMENDING TO COLC THAT COLD STEEL PRODUCERS BE PERMITTED TO PASS ON DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR COSTS OF SCRAP. ANTICIPATE COMMERCE WILL BE READY TO MAKE DECISION THESE QUESTIONS THIS WEEK. WILL WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.

ITEM 2.

ON RECOMMENDATION OF CHAIRMAN OF NACOA AND NOAA, COMMERCE OPPOSED APPOINTMENT OF HASTINGS KIETH, FORMER CONGRESSMAN, TO NACOA AND RECOMMENDED A WOMAN TO REPLACE NACOA SEAT VACATED BY BETSY ANCKER-JOHNSON. WOMEN RECOMMENDED ARE SHIRLEY BLACK AND ANN LINDBERGH. WIMER AND JONES RETHINKING KEITH.

ITEM 3.

SATURDAY AGNEW STATED WILL NOT RESIGN IF INDICTED AND ATTACKED PETERSEN OF JUSTICE. HEADLINE TONIGHT "WHITE HOUSE DEFENDS CONFIDENTIAL

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BEST WISHES.

JOHN K. TABOR
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